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Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, totaled 225,000 head, 6 percent below the December 1, 2007 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory was up 15,000 head from November 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 65,000 head, up 35 percent from November 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during November totaled 49,000 head, up 7,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during November, unchanged from November 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2008. The inventory was 6 percent below December 1, 2007 and 5 percent below December 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.02 million, 5 percent below 2007 but 7 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 630,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.58 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 12 percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during November, 18 percent above 2007 and 19 percent below 2006.

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